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Secretary General of Presidency called me to his office this noon re subject my discussion with him reported reference telegram. Said he had reported matter promptly to President and latter had idea naval plans would evolve from consultations pursuant to Argentine resolution adopted by COAS in process of which it would be decided just what Colombia could best contribute. I replied USG had already studied question and as result had expressed hope GOC would participate with one or two destroyers (EMBTEL Secretary replied knew this but President thought subsequent COAS resolution might have changed matters. I stated this was not the case and requested he make it clear to Presidentithat need for Colombian participation with naval units still Secretary said he wished emphasize President desired collaborate in any way he could within GOC's competence as stated in letter to President Kennedy. I noted USG suggested this could best be done at present by participation with one or two destroyers.

I asked if Venezuelan Government had requested GOC for joint action on naval participation and he replied that it had not. He had information on Venezuelan action from GOV but no request. I asked if Venezuelan emissary had come to Colombia on subject

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and he replied in negative. It is possible there may have been some approach through naval channels but apparently no approach has come from President Betancourt to President Valencia.

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NOTE: Mr. Bowdler (ARA) notified 150 PM 11/9/CWO-W